Parameters for according classical language status

1381. SHRI K. B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Ministrer of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters prescribed for according classical language status;

(b) the languages so far that have fulfilled all the conditions and have been accorded classical language status;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested to accord classical language status to Kannada language; and

(d) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE M!NISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The following criteria was laid down by the Ministry of Home Affairs to determine the eligibility of languages to be considered for classification as a 'Classical Language'.

(i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years, (ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers; (iii) The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community; and (iv) The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the Classical Language and its later forms or its offshoots.

(b) Sanskrit and Tamil.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Culture has received representations from various quarters for declaring Kannada as classical language. A Committee of Linguistic Experts has been constituted to examine the claims of any Indian Language for Classical Status. This Committee will advise the Government in the matter.

CBI investigation in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1362. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Ministrer of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has carried out any investigation with regard to the staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.